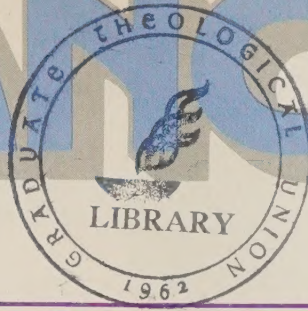


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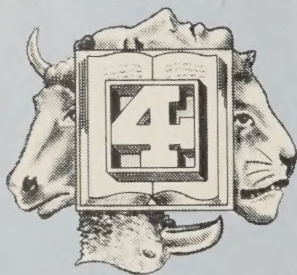
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Editor's Window

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DECLARING THE WORD OF THE LORD

by Tim Peterson

When God speaks, things begin to happen—worlds are created, stormy seas quieted, suffering people healed and people's spirits are set free. During the 1985 International Foursquare Convention in Los Angeles, God spoke once again, directing His message to the Foursquare body of believers.

The ADVANCE Editorial Committee met to discuss ways in which the message of convention could best be portrayed in this issue...We concluded that the convention should speak for itself.

As you read through the pages, don't look for lengthy commentaries on what happened between March 11 and 17. Instead, let your heart absorb portions of the words that we've quoted. They form biblical concepts that ignite spiritual life and give divine direction to pastors and churches.

By the way, some of the comments seem to be aimed at pastors. Even though you may not fit that description, you'll profit from reading them. God intends to demonstrate His love and power through the ministry of His Church—that includes all of us who believe on His name and declare His Word with confidence.



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"Divine healing is not wringing a petition from the heavens by the logic of faith and the force of your will.

It is the inbreathing of God's life.

It is the living touch which none can understand except those whose senses are exercised to know the realities of the world unseen."

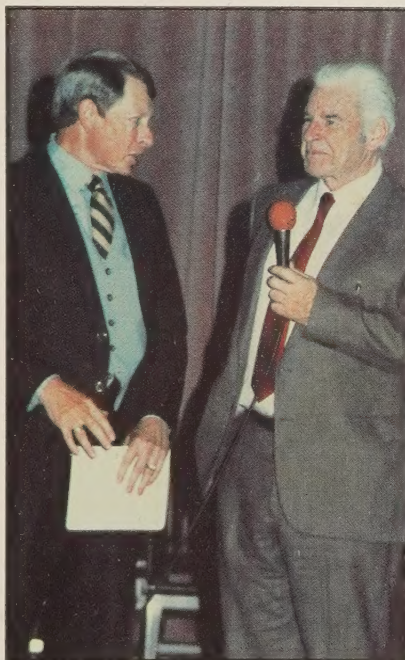
These words were spoken by our founder, Aimee Semple McPherson. They express a message of truth that characterized the Foursquare movement at its beginning. The same truth inspired the theme, "Declare the Word, Expect the Wondrous." The chairman of the 1985 International Foursquare Convention, Dr. Roy H. Hicks gives his reflections of what God has planned for Foursquare churches around the world.

"The 1985 Foursquare International Convention has become a ground swell for our churches. A new tide of spiritual awareness is rising and, if we respond to what the Holy Spirit is saying to us, supernatural workings in our midst will form a mighty wave to drench the shoreline of humanity.

The working of miracles has been a continuous thread in the fabric of our life as a family of Pentecostal churches. Historically, though, the qualities that have shaped our movement came into place as we experienced multiplied signs, wonders, healings and miracles.

Don't misunderstand—I'm not talking about our churches becoming "bless me" clubs where people come for selfish motives. God has set Himself to pour out His Spirit on the Church and then pour out the Church on the world. He will affirm the preached Word with a demonstration of power as we assault the strongholds of sin in our world.

Next month in the *ADVANCE*, you'll read about a vision for this nation which challenges us to see 2000 Foursquare churches before the year 2000. We have the choice to see that goal accomplished by our efforts alone or by the Spirit of God working through us. This convention issue carries the message to **LET GOD DO IT!**

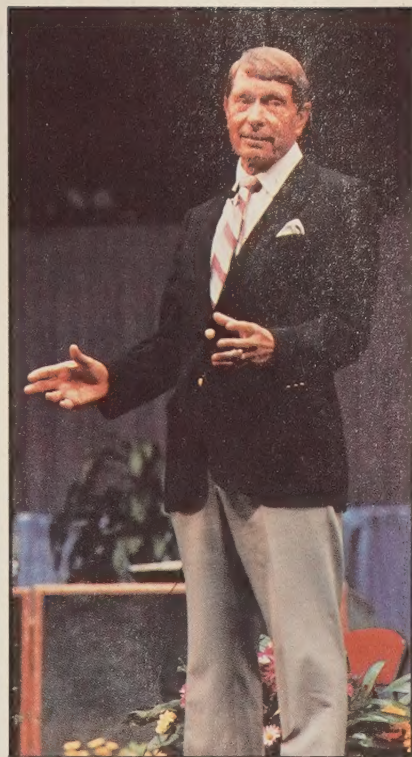


Dr. Hicks interviewed Dr. McPherson during a convention session.

In the keynote service of convention, I shared with the delegates these words:

Pentecostal people, those who believe in the baptism of the Holy Spirit and the speaking with other tongues, should never have to hear from anyone a challenge to the supernatural...I believe that we have a call, and things to do and commandments to obey that are particular to those who have received the infilling and baptism of the Holy Ghost.

We cannot win the world with



logic. I do not believe that in these last days we can convince the world that Jesus Christ is Lord without signs, wonders and miracles. We are going to have to see the manifestation of the power of God to do the work that needs to be done before Jesus comes back.

Pastors, your people go out where the world is; they go out and work with the sinners. That is where the miracles are going to take place—through the people that you have trained. Teach your people that they are not responsible for what happens when they lay hands on somebody...it's far better to go to heaven having obeyed and failed than to wait until we have enough faith to do something.

Let's have a few failures—but let's determine to open our hearts and say, "O God, if miracles don't accompany my life, it's not going to be my fault."

Brothers...sisters...pastors...believers—We must Declare the Word and Expect the Wondrous if we intend to be part of what God is doing!

"

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The calling of God leads beyond the place where we now stand. He has specific destinies for those who will obey His call and move into the future trusting in Him. Jack Hayford spoke in a prophetic sense about becoming what God intends.

"The spirit of faith is rising in our midst...I detect that God is calling us to and brooding over us with new dimension of the spirit of faith. This evening I want to nurture and nourish, to whatever degree the Lord would allow me, things He is stimulating in your heart—to foster a furtherance of that. But I also felt that this being our in-house, family conference, there are things that

we need to honestly say to ourselves in order to gain the maximum release of what He would allow us to know.

Though we don't have skeletons in our closets, in the skeletal structures of our movement, we have accumulated, with the passing of years, a certain amount of arthritis—and the Lord wants to heal us. And you can't be healed if you don't acknowledge that

you have some affliction.

This is called a commissioning and anointing service...before we conclude everyone of us will be anointed with oil. As we are, it is not only an anointing unto ministry and its release, but it is an anointing with fresh oil in order that there might be the realization of healing of anything that is past and a release into all that the Lord has for us.

Our text (Joshua 1:9-11, 3:5-7) speaks of the processes by which Joshua rose to leadership in Israel. The role of conqueror, that he was given, is an interesting, moving and sensitive study of

The Church has been called to minister in Jesus' name. The musicale called "Hear Now The Name" portrays the power and majesty of the Lord of the Church. These are excerpts from the premiere presentation of the cantata written by Jack Hayford...

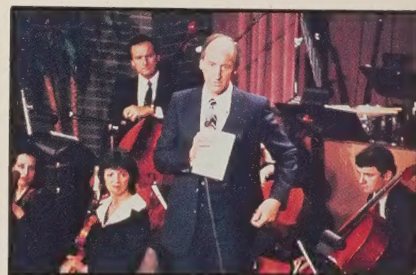
Narrative: Who has ascended into heaven, or descended?
Who has gathered the wind in his fists?
Who has bound the waters in a garment?
Who has established all the earth?
What is his name...?

Song: Hear now the Name we're singing
Hear in this name revealing
All of God's love and healing
Comes to you this hour.

Open your heart receiving
Speak now this name believing
Nothing beyond conceiving
Lies beyond His power

Narrative: Of the millions of names spoken on earth, no other name evokes the praise as does the name of Jesus. But neither is any name so profaned...even when used in an oath, a testimony to the power of His name is registered. For there is no meaning in such use of that name unless it is acknowledged in authority above all other names. No, mankind only employs one name in high praise or in harsh profanity. Across the planet only one name towers over all. There is no one else like Him... and there is no other name, like Jesus.

Song: Years come and go and man increases learning
The ebb and flow of powers mix war and peace
Man's bound'ries change as nation strives
with nation
While mankind seeks some means of
real release.



Jack narrated the premiere showing along with actor Dean Jones (not shown).

Amid it all the human soul still hungers
Tho' knowledge grows, man's spirit still
seeks rest
One proven fact abides beyond this searching
There's just one name can satisfy the quest.

Narrative: Jesus not only broke the torment of satanic bondage during His ministry—He has commanded and gifted His Church to do the same. With His name as our credentials, He invests us with the authority He secured at the cross.

Now Christ commissions us saying, "The kingdom of God is among you. Cast out devils, heal the sick, raise the dead...for these signs shall follow them that believe!"

The triumph of the cross is ours to share, Church! Hell's power is broken. We can be free, and we can take His deliverance to others.

Song: Once in all hist'ry, O great the myst'ry
God came to earth veiled in flesh so man could see
In Christ the Savior, God showed His favor
He to redeem us ascended Calvary.

Dark was the hour, hell-born the power
Which tore the flesh of the Lamb slain on
the tree
Death now partaking, hell's power breaking
Hear "It is finished," the Lamb cries victory.

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orderly transition in government. It is also a study in the methods of God bringing people not only from generation to generation but of God bringing people from victory to victory.

Joshua—a man who might well have been overshadowed by the towering wonder of Moses—moves into his destiny and realizes the purpose of God into another generation...the desire of the Lord is to release his glory through the leadership that He gives rise to in each generation. But it's a challenge for that kind of release to take place.

In an earlier text the Lord said

to Moses "lay your hands upon Joshua and give him some of your authority" (Numbers 27). Notice that it did not say "give him some of the glory or power that is on you." Moses did what he was told and another major step was taken in the preparations of a man who would in his time, answer his call to glory.

There is a distinction in the words "heritage" and "inheritance" that is important for us to underscore. The Lord was saying to Joshua and is saying to us, "Your destiny is not in your heritage, your destiny is in your inheritance." A heritage essentially

points to a tradition, a culture, a wealth of ready provision that exists by reason of what has gone on before. An inheritance essentially has to do with property, that which is to be brought into the possession of another party. What was taking place with Joshua is that he had the blessing of a heritage—but the inheritance that was before him was something that would be entirely up to him to possess. What he received as a cultural tradition that had been transmitted to him, could do nothing in gaining the inheritance unless

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A 40-piece orchestra accompanied the presentation of the musical.

The Church On The Way choir gave a glimpse of heaven as they extolled the Name of Jesus during the musical.

Dr. Hayford, composer of the musical, "Hear Now The Name," with Pat Boone. The Saturday night service of convention was videotaped for a satellite broadcast by the Church Growth Network.



Declare...Expect... These are words that command action. The theme of convention has to be lived out through the Supernatural ministry of the Church in the world.

he perceived his moment of purpose, his call to glory, and entered into the possession of that inheritance.

It's important for us to perceive denominationally that we as a people are happy for our heritage. But we've been called to the glory of an inheritance. The strength that is available to us is in this moment, not in any other moment of history. The victories to be gained are victories that will depend upon what we personally receive—each one of us now—in this our time of being called to glory.

In the book of Isaiah, the Bible says, "*My glory I will not give to another*;" but upon examination of the text you'll find that the "other" He is talking about are pagan deities. In the 17th Chapter of the Gospel of John, Jesus said to the Father, "*You've done everything you gave me to do and I have given them (your own people) your glory.*" The glory of the Lord has been given to the Church. God is not jealous of His glory as pertains to our entering into the realization of it. He welcomes into partnership those who will join Him in His works. He wants to express Himself through us. The greatest thing to fear is that you would not answer that call to partnership.

The tiny little fragment of a taste of God's glory that I've experienced has taught me one lesson: if you taste of anything of His glory, one of the last things that you will be tempted by—if you continue to worship Him—is pride. Because the more He abounds His glory around you, the more awed you stand in the amazement of what God can do and the awkward amazement of how little you have done. The Lord is calling us saying "*I will yet divide to you an inheritance if you will enter the call to glory.*"

He calls us to begin to speak—not with the air of presumption as though it was within our right to create independent of Him—but He has put that creative word within us that, if in partnership with Him we will speak, there is unlimited possibility of what He will do. Jesus said, "*If you abide in me and my words abide in you,*

you shall ask what ye will and it shall be done unto you." Loved one, you have been called to incredible glory!

There is a pitiful inclination toward removing ourselves from the prospect of glory—not because our hearts, our deep inner beings do not hunger for that—but because something of our mind argues against it, the smallness of our spirit, our personal bondages...the fear of failure threatens every one of us.

God, the living God is speaking to you saying..."I want to catch you up and bear you forward with signs and wonders and the visitation of my power." And we wrestle and say, "Lord, I'm so afraid; I don't want to get imbalanced and just become 'signs' oriented instead of scripture oriented." While we go through our mental gymnastics, God is saying "Be strong and very courageous, be strong and very courageous! The preceding generation is dead—your generation is where I want to visit with power. I'm calling you to glory in your hour. Will you let me walk with you as I have with those before?" As God speaks to us those words of summons, He calls us from the smallness that is inbred by fear.

There are obstacles that hinder the release of a new generation in our movement that need to be addressed. As a movement, we have a band of Joshuas who will accept training and leadership. But first, they need acknowledgment by this movement...you who have been in the business meetings of this convention have heard from the floor that we are failing the youth of our churches right now. We stand together as a movement facing that reality and we need to take specific action together. There needs to be a rise in prayer, a rise in creative energy and perspective that believes God to burst a youth revival upon us.

Your strongest leaders will never rise to their potential if some authority is not given to them...leadership is not going to suddenly burst into a capacity to handle authority. There has not been a release (for our young

leaders) through the cultivation of shared authority in our movement.

I want to share with you some things that the Lord has given me by the Spirit of Prophecy:

The Lord is saying to many of us that there are points that have obstructed your entry into dominion that He has held for you. Your inheritance is to break into new boundaries that you've never known before.

The Lord says, "I will show you how to lead the congregation that you move with, in the spirit of praise and rejoicing, and simply by the power of that rejoicing praise I will shatter everything of the adversary before you and you will possess that bastille that has opposed you."

God is saying that He is going to cause even the realm of nature to become your servant. There are property holdings that some people have that God is going to somehow prosper.

God is going to give you miracles that haven't been recorded yet. God is getting ready to write history through the Church that will answer the call to glory as He will work miracles that no one has yet seen.

We are called to possess the land; but we are not called to possess the land with a denominational identity. God is not interested in branding a city, a state and certainly not a nation with a Foursquare brand. We need to avoid provincialism. It is a sign of smallness and a peculiar sign of pride. There is an appropriate gratitude for being part of a family but it's another thing when we feel we have to stick our name on everything...our security in "being" and our sense of call and assignment needs to transcend such small things as that. God will not fit in a Foursquare box; but He will use Foursquare as an instrument to strike down the adversary. Our call is to be a stimulus and a servant to the whole Body of Christ in terms of ministry...our call is to be an agency of salvation and healing to the world. "

S. America



The Vision Begins

Have you ever heard yourself say, "Lord, I'll serve You anywhere—except in the sultry, leech-black rivers and headhunter jungles of Nowhere!?"

A man named Thomas Anderson promised God he would go anywhere. Inspired by the ministry and the missionary vision of Aimee Semple McPherson, he felt burdened for people who lived so far from the Western world that they might never hear about Jesus Christ unless he personally told them. Sent by God, Anderson went in love to one of the most primitive tribes in the



Ebiato, the village in the swamp wilds that Thomas Anderson turned into an oasis of spiritual awakening. The first Ebiato Indian found Christ here.

world. The year was 1928.

The story of Foursquare's first missionaries to South America unfolds more like an action adventure movie than a missionary assignment.

A family of six, they travelled by ship to Peru. From there, they entrained to the Andes, continued laboriously by ox-cart to La Paz, Bolivia, then on foot over the treacherous Andes mountains and down onto the steaming plains and malarial swamp land of Bolivia, the desolate headwaters of the Amazon River, aptly called, "the Green Hell Country."

Another rugged two days by ox-cart, and they arrived finally at Ebiato, the land of their calling—a knoll that rose from the jungle swamp.

And so, thousands of miles from home, in the tropical wilds of Ebiato, the Andersons began their work of bringing the Gospel of Jesus Christ to these very needy people. Their enemies were legion: malaria, yellow fever, tuberculosis; man-eating reptiles and jungle beasts; isolation, privation, loneliness. But the Andersons prevailed, founding a mission station and building a church.

After several years came their first convert, a young Siriono Indian. Then came the chief, then several sub-chiefs,

then hundreds from their tribes. This was just the beginning. For today, in Bolivia there are more than 40 churches and meeting places, pastored by national leaders and workers, all because the Thomas Andersons had vision and godly courage.

SYMBOL OF OUR VISION

Penetrating and establishing a church among Siriono Indians in the "Green Hell" of Bolivia was a task of apostolic magnitude, incredible courage, and a symbol of our vision for the unreached of South America.



Everywhere in Latin America churches are springing forth, like this one in Ecuador, where Oswaldo Velastigui is the lay pastor of a growing flock.

Stimulated by the vision and gallantry of those early missionaries, believers at home have responded, sending and supporting with their prayers, and regular financial gifts those willing to go. Over the next 5 decades, missionaries opened works in 9 of South America's 13 countries. Today, that progressive vision continues to motivate the sending of many more missionaries needed to reach South America's 300 million people with God's gift of salvation.

Bolivia	1928
Colombia	1943
Brazil	1946
Chile	1947
Argentina	1955
Venezuela	1955
Ecuador	1956
Uruguay	1980
Peru	1982



Thomas Anderson, Foursquare missionary trail-blazer in Bolivia. With his family in 1928, he brought to the Green Hell Country of Bolivia the gospel seeds of heaven.

The Vision Today

On the South American continent, nominal traditional religion prevails, along with superstition, idolatry, witchcraft, and fear, and little knowledge of God's saving grace. In these countries also, industrialization, urbanization, inflation—in fact, all the ills of the space-age—have created a siege of future-shock and instability.

This has provided for an openness for



Winning adults to Christ often means that their children soon follow; and they in turn win other children.

God to work. And amazingly the Pentecostal-charismatic movement has advanced rapidly and been ascribed of making up some 80% of today's Protestant Evangelical Church. In Brazil, for instance, the Foursquare work has doubled in size in just 4 years.

BRAZIL IN BRIEF: Brazil is an immense country, the 5th largest in the world and the 6th most heavily populated. Our work began there in the early 1950's and shortly a whirlwind of revival came. Today, Brazil boasts Foursquare's fastest growing church internationally. Currently numbering beyond 2000 churches with nearly 500 churches added in 1984 alone.

LOOKING TO THE FUTURE

"We plan to plant a Foursquare church in every capital of Brazil—4,040 before 1990."

Dr. George Faulkner,
Missionary to Brazil

What makes this especially exciting is that we are building more than numbers. Our vision fulfills *both* parts of Christ's Great Commission. He said to proclaim the gospel (which increases the size of the church) *and* to disciple the nations (which deepens the church's spiritual growth).

In our view—based on worldwide experience—the best disciplers are the nationals themselves. They know their people, their language, and their customs. And their people relate, listen, and heed.

As the growth of the South American church accelerates, it will need more and more Bible teachers and church leaders. But these qualified people will not emerge from missionary factories,

like so many robot clones to be parachuted into the harvest fields. These will be people like you and me that God calls and grooms. Their effectiveness, however, depends on you—on your prayers and your giving. Begin now to ask the Lord how He wants you to become involved.



Spiritual growth deepens and quickly spreads when the Bible is taught and its truths are applied to believers of all ages.



Aline Richey's personal warmth and Christ-like self-giving have made her richly effective in teaching and training national leaders in Ecuador.

The Vision Tommorrow

Latin America is one of modern missions' great success stories, and yet, there are great numbers of people to be reached, including several major groups:

The Upper and Middle Income Classes. The lower income classes have always been more receptive to the gospel. And so we are developing new



This national Foursquare pastor in Argentina stands up for God's Word. This is in clear contrast to the emphasis of many theological colleges on humanism, a Marxist theology, and a "social Gospel."

strategies to reach the upper echelons of society. As more are reached for Christ, they in turn will reach their kind while helping to support ministries to the poor and 'the hidden.'

The University Students. Unlike many of our North American campuses which have active evangelistic outreaches, the South American universities have practically none. In fact, the voice of the



Open-air evangelism in Argentina, typical of grassroots sharing of the gospel where the government allows freedom of religion.

gospel is seldom heard in Marxist Academia.

Hidden Peoples. Most of these are Amerindians, descendants of South America's original inhabitants. Hundreds of tribes are scattered throughout the land.

1985-1986: During these two years, we urgently need ten new qualified missionary units—two units for Colombia, one for Ecuador, two for Bolivia, another for Chile, Brazil, Peru, Venezuela, and Paraguay. In addition, there will be major evangelistic advances and evangelistic centers built to further establish the work.

1987-1990: During the last four years of our 1980's

advance, another three missionary units are needed, one in Chile, another in Argentina, and another in Brazil. There will be further evangelism and buildings needed to accommodate the growth.

Foursquare Missions Press with your contribution and donated labor has sent several million tracts, into this continent during the last three years. The cost—a mere penny a piece. And churches are clamoring for more. Special fund appeals are currently going forth to sustain this massive initiative through '85 and '86. (12 monthly gifts of \$15 will facilitate 180,000 tracts.)

Missionaries. Our vision across South America remains ever the same: to send qualified people from North America to help each national church reach its nation and its Hidden Peoples and the spiritually hungry countries beyond. Our success depends on you.

If you sense God prompting you, talk to your pastor or supervisor, for his guidance, and direction.

Our strategy is to plant churches that multiply themselves and reach out to "Hidden Peoples," like this Quichua Indian, a member of a high mountain church in Ecuador.



The Vision Continues

God is commanding us—every one of us—to help sow and reap in the harvest fields of South America. We are none of us mere spectators, a glory-bound cheering section sitting on the sidelines. As Christians, we are integral parts of a dynamic organism, Christ's Body. We are the very hands, the very feet, the very voice of Christ the Lord. He came to heal the sick, to make the blind to see and the lame to walk, and to save the lost. Jesus is absent in the flesh but present by the Holy Spirit in us, His Body. He wants us to become like Him and to go forth as He did to proclaim the good news of salvation to a sick and blind, lame and lost world.



National conventions, like this one in Brazil, bring together pastors, leaders and workers to prepare for Latin America's unprecedented spiritual growth.

THE COST OF THE VISION

Think about this: to fulfill the first 2 years of **VISION: SOUTH AMERICA** the cost totals **\$1,305,000**. Divided among our 167,000 Foursquare family members in nearly 1200 North American churches, the amount becomes manageable. Consider a



John Firth in Bogota, Colombia. Veteran missionary, God is giving him favor to win new believers from among the hard to reach professional class.

regular commitment of \$40, \$25, or \$10 a month. Some will more than double those amounts, others will give less. Remember, whether much or little, your giving does make a difference!

The Lord may never summon you to the steaming malarial swamp land in the Green Hell country of Bolivia. He does summon you, however, to *do something*. What will it be? Will you surround with prayer your Foursquare

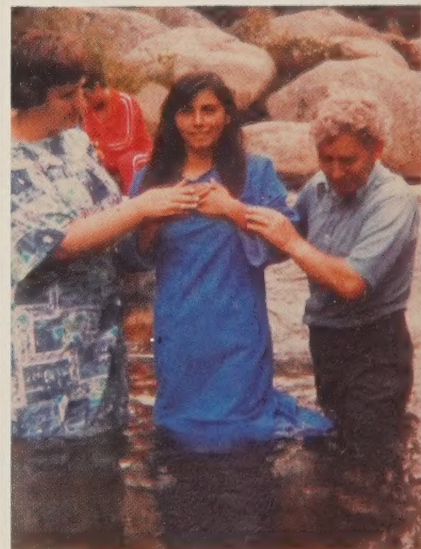


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missionary brothers and sisters on the foreign battlefield? At the very least, will you share your God-given resources to help train, equip and support God's chosen in Latin America? You must say yes. *So much depends on you. We need you, each of you.*

"We long to do things beyond the call of duty because we want the privilege of hearing Him say, 'Well done.'"

George and Jane Faulkner,
Missionaries to Brazil



For John Firth, preaching the full gospel means making sure that upon a new believer's acceptance of Christ, that both water baptism and that of the Holy Spirit soon follow.

Missions night at convention included the introduction of newly appointed missionaries and the announcement of churches which made outstanding efforts in giving support to the movement's world-wide missions outreach.

The call to reach the world with the Gospel has echoed through the centuries since Jesus first spoke it to His disciples. Ron Mehl gave a compelling perspective on how that call affects the personal lives of believers today.

The Lord has called us to be a people who minister...who effectually communicate the life of Jesus to the world.

Who is it, in these days, that is going to supernaturally, abundantly, miraculously touch the world? How could I tell whether or not the Lord is going to use me in a significant way—what would be the earmarks of my life?

The Faithful Testing

Genesis 12:2 describes the call that God gave to Abraham, the father of the faith to all of us. First, God told him to leave the security of his homeland. Then He said, "I will make of thee a great nation, and I will bless thee, and make thy name great; and thou shalt be a blessing."

God gave four tests to Abraham, according to Hebrews 11, that would take place over a process of time. Frankly, I'm one who believes that if Abraham went through tests regarding his faith, then you and I will likewise.

1. The test of the unknown (Hebrews 11:8). A man or a woman who wants to have any degree of impact on the world today will have to pass this test. We must set aside every other compass and every other directive and make the decision that we're going to trust the Lord and follow Him.

2. The test of the unpossessed (Hebrews 11:9). This could also be called the test of delays. Didn't God promise Abraham all the land? You will have to make the decision that even though God has promised you significant things, in the spirit, there will be delays. That's when you choose to believe God.

3. The test of the unfulfilled (Hebrews 11:11,12). Abraham waited 25 years for the promise—

the promise was the thing that kept him on track with God.

4. The test of the unexpected (Hebrews 11:17). Abraham could not have prepared ahead of time to give up the very thing that God promised to give him (Isaac). There will never be the day that we have a ministry of substance until we're willing to give up the thing we love the most.

Traits of the Faithful

Beyond the four tests, there are four traits that belong to people of faith who will have an impact on their world.

- **They settle on certain objectives.** Here are two questions that we need to ask ourselves: "What do I want?" "How badly do I want it?" Are we willing to set God's promises as our objectives and then to pay the price to be what He calls us to be?
- **They obey the Lord.** God is committed to touching the world...anytime He can find someone who will obey His voice in this area, that person will have a significant impact on their world.
- **They develop a schedule.** How important is the world to us? It should be so important that we can't afford not to have it in our daily schedule and routine...we must make time for it!



Ron Mehl spoke at the Friday night Missions service and encouraged a world perspective in our Christian living.

● **They have an eternal perspective.** The story goes that when the Lord returned to heaven after the resurrection, Gabriel came to Him as a spokesman for the angelic hosts. He said, "Jesus, we watched the suffering and pain that you endured and wanted to help you but the Father wouldn't let us. We now wonder what you have done to insure that your death and suffering were not in vain?" Jesus responded, "I went to Peter and John and said to go into all the world and preach the Gospel." With that, Gabriel said, "But Jesus, what if Peter and John become weary and quit—what will you do?" Then Jesus said, "I have made no other plan."

There are a lot of things that the Lord wants to do...how badly we want for Him to do that is another thing. Remember when you first got saved? I recall saying, "Lord, you can have all my money, all my talents, whatever there is." There wasn't much but He took it. Now, I still need to say, "Lord, anything you want, I'll do it."



Dr. McPherson and Dr. Leland Edwards (foreground) presented Missions Awards to churches with outstanding giving. New Missionary Appointees (background) Stan and Mollie Doland (Language school in Costa Rica) and Mike and Claire McIntosh (England) are also pictured from left to right. (Not shown are Edgar and Darlene Coombs (Zambia, Africa))

Convention '85



A granite plaque at the entrance of Angelus Temple expresses the calling and purpose of Foursquare churches everywhere:

"Dedicated to the cause of Interdenominational and world-wide evangelism."

The stance of openness to the Church-at-large made it fitting for the voices of Oral Roberts and John Wimber to declare the Word of God to the Convention body. The excerpts from those two men that follow, along with quotes for Roy Hicks, Jr.'s message to the delegates, form a trilogy on the nature of God's Kingdom in the world.

"I know you precious brothers and sisters in Christ in the same way that I know a woman I never met—Aimee Semple McPherson. I came to know her after I began this ministry and she had already gone to heaven.

You've had a quality that others have not had enough of—you've not been bound by legalism. In earlier days, others thought you were backsliding when you let your wives look as good as you did! That seems like a little thing, but it is not a little thing—it's respect for women.

Besides freedom from legalism, the gifts of the Spirit flowed out of Aimee Semple McPherson and the people that rose up because of her ministry. I fell in love with these men and women of God from the Foursquare Gospel.

Verbal Gifts in Vogue

1985 will be a year for tongues, interpretation and praying with the understanding (Acts 14:12-14)—This is going to hit like a bombshell. Your people have had more of this than anybody I know...you need about 10 times more of it!

There are Pentecostal preachers who no longer preach on tongues or on speaking in tongues. I'm telling you, tongues and inter-

pretation are coming back, my friends. Let it loose! Pastors, if you haven't got enough authority in your church to judge it and direct it, that's your problem...you're to turn it loose, let it go; you handle it! If you're not man or woman enough to handle it as a pastor, go to Brother so-and-so and say, "Replace me or pray for me." You're supposed to regulate the verbal gifts but you're not supposed to shut them off. I don't know why I'm saying this to the group that probably does it best...but I feel it, so I'm saying it!

God is Our Source

I predict prosperity miracles for the Church of Jesus. I want to tell you folks, the devil did not invent the word "prosperity"; he did not invent the word "success." You go back to Joshua 1 and you'll find that God invented the words "success" and "prosperity."

We've got to have some prosperity and we've got to have some success. I'll tell you why: Jesus said that the devil is the god of this world...he's got this world-system sewed up and you're not going to take this "world-system" out of his hands. Forget it! But here's what the Bible says: **"THE EARTH IS THE LORD'S AND THE FULNESS THEREOF."**

Let me explain. In the air there is a kingdom we can't see with its powers and principalities...it's



Dr. Oral Roberts spoke during the Wednesday morning session in Angelus Temple

the kingdom of the devil. Below that is the earth—and I want to tell you, the devil doesn't own one inch of the soil, one tumbler of water in the ocean, not one star, not one part of outer space, not one chemical in the earth which forms medicine to heal us, not one rich place to produce food for our bodies, not one animal whose skin or wool makes our clothes, and not one thing from which we have our synthetics. **WE OWN IT WITH JESUS!**

Say with me: "The silver and gold of the earth are mine—the devil doesn't own them—God invented prosperity and success—I am His, a joint-heir with His Son Jesus—This earth is mine and the fulness thereof—God is going to prosper me—one of these mornings I'm going to wake up and say, 'I'm going to have prosperity miracles'—'I'm going to have miracles the rest of my life for the glory of God'—and 'Devil, you can't stop me!'—'Get your hands off God's property...ME!' "

We don't have to be poor. If poverty was the answer, the world would already be saved! God said that He'll rebuke the devourer for our sake. Teach your people to bring the tenth joyfully expecting what they'll get back...Out of your need, plant your seed and then expect a miracle! **GOD IS MY SOURCE! GOD IS MY SOURCE! GOD IS MY SOURCE!**

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Convention '85 — See anyone you know?



John Wimber addressed the Convention Body on Tuesday. John is an Adjunct Professor of Fuller Theological Seminary's acclaimed class, MC510-Church Growth and the Miraculous.

“One day, I opened the Scripture to Mark 1:14. The Spirit of God began stirring me as I read “...the time has come, the Kingdom of God is near.” I got on my knees and said, “That’s it Lord! That’s what we’re supposed to do! We’re supposed to proclaim the Kingdom of God on earth today!” That was eight years ago and I have been learning ever since.

- Learning how to move in Kingdom power
- Learning how to operate in Kingdom provision
- Learning how to do the bidding of the Father
- Learning how to walk in obedience
- Learning to do the deeds of Jesus, to proclaim His words, to work His works.

The Kingdom In Evidence

Both the Word and the works of Jesus are to come together; they are to be one; they are to harmonize...The one produces the illumination of the Kingdom while the other illustrates the Kingdom.

The Word must be proclaimed again and again and again: “God is here! The Kingdom of God is here!” It must be proclaimed with the authority and the power and the illustration of

the works of Jesus. The deaf must hear—the blind must see—the lame must walk! Those who have been hurt by the devil must be helped by Jesus.

The Gospel of the Kingdom is the good news that Jesus has invaded the realm of Satan and overthrown his rulership. It means freedom for those enslaved, freedom from sin and disease, demons and any other weapon that the enemy has used. God, in Jesus, has waged war against Satan and has won!

We’ve been called to an encounter—we’ve been called to warfare. Much of the Church today is not aware that there is a war going on. Many of those who are aware are preoccupied with how to remain civilians in a time of warfare. We’ve not come to grips with the reality that we’ve been conscripted—drafted—into the King’s army!

The Kingdom In Action

We’ve been called to a mission which is the proclamation of the Kingdom NOW! We’ve been called to methods that were illustrated in the person and in the life of the Lord Jesus Christ. We are called to be discipled unto Him...that every generation would produce Jesus’ disciples and that these disciples would not only teach the teachings but that they would do the deeds of Jesus.

God is calling us back to a primitive and powerful Christianity—a Christianity that is self-evident and measured by change in communities and in lives and hearts. This Gospel of the Kingdom must be acted upon...it will bring you into violence (Mt. 11:12) and there is nothing in you that desires that, but it is what God has called you to do. Violence is the nature of Kingdom work. ”



Roy Hicks, Jr. challenged delegates to allow God's Kingdom to grow in their hearts.

“ In Matthew 13, Jesus taught about the seed of God. He said in verses 8 and 9 that some seed “...fell into good ground, and brought forth fruit, some an hundredfold, some sixtyfold, some thirtyfold. Who hath ears to hear, let him hear.” Then in verse 12, Jesus said, “Whosoever hath, to him shall be given and he shall have more abundance: but whosoever hath not, from him shall be taken away even that he hath.”

Why was the seed of which Jesus spoke given to the disciples and not to others? Because they had a quality of openness that said—“I will not close my eyes, I will not close my ears and I will not close my heart to what God will show me, say to me and do in me.”

The Increasing Kingdom

Fruitfulness is wrapped up in the power of the seed and the condition of the soil. The majority of the responsibility for the miraculous rests not on the soil but on the seed.

Rules and regulations do not produce Kingdom life or Kingdom ministry.

The miraculous is tied to the concept of the Kingdom...its availability is hinged directly to what you think about the Kingdom and its availability right now. When Jesus said to pray, “...Thy Kingdom come, Thy will be done” it was a prayer that disciples should pray for the experiencing of the Kingdom, present tense—immediately! ”

Inside Our Foursquare Family

Dr. McPherson conferred the degree of Honorary Doctorate upon Lynn T. Charter, Supervisor of the Great Lakes District.



1985 Convention Highlights

This years convention events included "open houses" in various headquarters departments, a number of breakfast and luncheon meetings, business sessions and the awarding of special honors. The following resume mentions some of the many occasions that took place.

- UNITED FOURSQUARE WOMEN met for the Shephardess luncheon with Evelyn Roberts as guest speaker. Dr. McPherson was also present to see the note burning for the Alabaster House mortgage and to award Edythe Dorrance and Lois Van Cleave certificates of tribute as key leaders in the founding of the U.F.W.
- MOUNT VERNON BIBLE COLLEGE announced the appointment of Rev. Mark Ballard as the new college president. The convention body expressed appreciation for Rev. Harold Muetzel who will complete his term as college president this year and then enter another avenue of Foursquare ministry.
- TWENTY-FIVE and FIFTY YEAR AWARDS were presented to 52 ministers. Also, 130 candidates were ORDAINED to the ministry. Other statistics included the number of registered delegates (1,739) and the attendance at the evening services (from 3,000-3,500).
- DOCTORATES OF DIVINITY were conferred upon Glen C. Burris (Supervisor, Southeast District), Lynn T. Charter (Supervisor, Great Lakes District), Roy H. Hicks, Jr. (Supervisor, Northwest District),

Ron Mehl (Pastor, Beaverton, Oregon Foursquare Church), Dick E. Scott (Pastor, Orange, California Foursquare Church) and Sidney O. Westbrook (Supervisor, South Central District).

- L.I.F.E. BIBLE COLLEGE president, Rev. Jack Hamilton, announced that an offer has been made to acquire a facility in San Dimas, California as a campus for the college. A process of re-zoning is underway and the purchase is contingent on that and other conditions.
- MISSIONS INTERNATIONAL introduced new missionary appointees including Mike and Claire McIntosh (appointed to England), Edgar and Darlene Coombs (appointed to Zambia) and Stan and Mollie Doland (commissioned for language training and then appointment to a Latin American country). Also, a number of churches were awarded honors for their giving to missions.
- 2000 CHURCHES BEFORE 2000 was the goal announced by the Home Missions Department in terms of church growth in the U.S.. Presently, we have over 1,100 Foursquare churches leaving 900 to be started within the next 15 years. Three of our nine districts are to receive immediate help from a special fund to get their regional strategies underway. Each Foursquare church is being challenged to give consistently to the fund which will eventually benefit every district's growth. The inspiring vision of 2000 Churches Before 2000 will be featured in the June issue of the Foursquare World ADVANCE.

Premiere Showing of New Film

Aimee Semple McPherson's life and ministry have made an impact on the world. Now the story of her calling to preach the Word is told in a feature film titled FROM MILKPAIL TO PULPIT. The 16mm color film was premiered by the delegates of the 1985 International Foursquare Convention.

A series of actual photographs



Mrs. McPherson in her Salvation Army uniform at approximately 10 years of age.

from the Foursquare Heritage files are blended with artists' drawings to form a colorful portrayal of the people and events that shaped the Foursquare movement. Dr. Dorothy Jean Furlong of L.I.F.E. Bible College worked with R.P.G. Film and Video, Incorporated to produce the film. Dr. Rolf K. McPherson and a number of other personnel contributed as well.

The response from those who saw the premiere was enthusiastic. The movie, which is also available on VHS Video Cassette, was immediately purchased by over 100 churches.

FROM MILKPAIL TO PULPIT can be acquired for church or personal use by writing Foursquare Publications, 1100 Glendale Blvd., Los Angeles, CA 90026. The video cassette is priced at \$29.95 plus shipping.

Clergyman of the Year

Dr. Jack W. Hayford was recently presented with the GOLD ANGEL AWARD as "Clergyman of the Year" by the association of "Religion In Media" (RIM). Each year RIM honors those who have made notable achievements in motion pictures, television and radio at their Angel Awards ceremony in Hollywood.

As pastor of The Church On The Way—Van Nuys, California Foursquare Church, Pastor Jack has touched millions of viewers and listeners through the daily radio program, "Freeway," his role as host teacher on Channel 40, and as guest teacher with the CBN and PTL networks. Other accomplishments in media include audio tapes which have an annual distribution rate of 40,000 and his published music which numbers more than 350 songs.

Jack Hayford is the third pastor to receive the association's most prestigious award. The other recipients from previous ceremonies are Dr. Norman Vincent Peale and Dr. Oswald Hoffman.



Remembering

At the 40th Anniversary Convention in 1963.



It was Convention Thursday. The new film on the life of Aimee Semple McPherson had just concluded. Mrs. Harold Helms approached informing, "Esther Fricke Stuart passed away last night."

That name means little to most who have entered Foursquardom since 1944. But it was definitely a "household word" in myriads of homes during Angelus Temple's first twenty-one years when Esther's musical ministry won her a place probably second only to Sister's in the love of the congregation and radio audience. She was the only person uninterruptedly on staff from the Temple's first year until the year of Sister's passing.

When Winona gave me the news, my mind embarked on a nostalgia binge. I rejoiced that Dr. Evelyn Thompson had loaned me her auto two days earlier so I could drive to Sherman Oaks and see Esther. I recalled Sister McPherson's statement about the Kimball: "That organ—of all inanimate things, I love it the most." The Los Angeles RECORD had captioned a four column picture of Esther at the console on its June 25, 1926 front page: "Angelus Temple organist plays hymns of praise at the console of the tabernacle organ, in celebration of Aimee Semple McPherson's escape from the hands of kidnappers..." And Sister hurried into the Temple to pray and praise as soon as she arrived home. "Esther Fricke," she wrote, "was in her place at the organ, her skilled fingers caressing the keys, rousing the chiming bells into rhapsodies and paeans of thanksgiving."

Esther had come to the Temple when the organ was finally installed at Easter, 1923. At her funeral, Dr. Rolf McPherson reminisced, "When she

first came, she hardly knew any of the church songs, and she was fearful as she sat down to the organ the first time." Dr. Guy Duffield added that Esther was not dressed properly for church at her first service and that Sister suggested she come the next time more appropriately attired. A friend told me that Esther's earrings dangled almost to her shoulders on that first appearance.

Her Share in Revival

Very soon, the organist was thriving amid church activities. Dr. Duffield told the funeral audience: "Esther had a part in what I regard as the greatest church revival of all history...She was a great part of that blessing the Lord sent and used to win many souls to himself. You just can't think of those early days without thinking of Esther at the organ." And Dr. McPherson shared, "My mother's ministry was enhanced and blessed by her ability."

Altogether, Esther played for many more than 5,000 services and over 2,200 one-hour radio organ recitals, rendering thousands of requests of listeners, often complimented by soloists like Joseph Waugh and Evelyn Petit. Dr. Duffield recalled how from time to time "we'd have a number from that indomitable group of young ladies that we lovingly called 'Fricke's Follies!'" The real name was "Melody Girls." Dr. McPherson mentioned that Esther played for his wedding to Lorna Dee and how she "was really a great inspiration to many lives that are in the ministry today and that have developed musical talents that they are using in the church work." She certainly inspired and helped me.

Esther served on the L.I.F.E. Bible College faculty for a number of years. She also kept track of the count of water baptisms every Thursday night. I well recall her signaling Sister when the figure reached 40,000!

Esther resigned in 1944 because of health and the wish of her husband. After Mac's tragic death in the early 1960's, she began to work like a beaver, even though approaching age 70 to pay off pressing debts. At times, she had to play in churches definitely not evangelical. But she often included Sister's songs and people really expressed enjoyment of unfamiliar



On staff at Angelus Temple.

melodies like "Calvary's Rose," "The Key to Paradise," and others.

The Ties on Earth Strengthened in Heaven

Esther treasured memories of Temple ministry. She wrote to the Duffields, "The years I spent at Angelus Temple were indeed the happiest years of my life, and I loved every minute of my work with Sister McPherson. Sister McPherson still remains the most talented lady I have ever met."

Perhaps the most stirring statement I ever heard at a funeral was Dr. McPherson's at Esther's service: "I've travelled in some countries where they pay people to mourn and to wait at the loss of some family member, but you know, we who know Jesus Christ—if anything—I'd like to pay for somebody to be of good cheer and to rejoice at my funeral because there's a difference when you know the Lord." He concluded, "We'll say farewell to our dear sister, but we expect to say hello again in the presence of God."

Many have already said hello to Esther in heaven. In my remarks at the funeral I alluded to the reunion at her arrival. What glorious greetings must have been exchanged with Sister, Dr. Walkem, Viola Anderson, Brother Arthur, Dr. Gurden, Sister Sarah Cohen, Ruth Clawson, Thomas Johnson, and multiplied thousands more who loved Esther and whom she loved, but most of all with Jesus who alone makes it possible for anyone to enter Glory.



The front page of the Los Angeles Record featured Esther at the organ in Angelus Temple on June 25, 1926.



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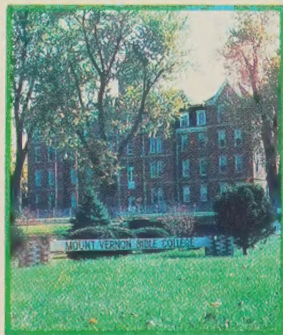


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